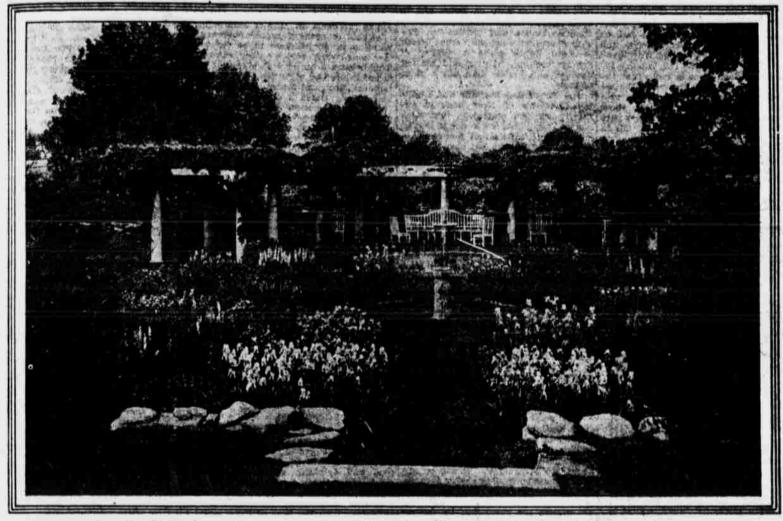
IRISTHORPE, WHERE IRIS ARE THE DOMINANT FLOWERS

An Old Farm Home, More Than Two Hundred and Fifty Years Old, Transformed Into a Magnificent Estate, With Its Imported Japanese Tea House and Iris From All Parts of the Globe



A general view of the iris garden at Iristhorpe

Note quaint one path gardens of Colonial days, there grew behind the prim how borders the blue find them in endless variety. Great bow." so perchance it derived its poetic name from the daughter of the Grecian into the heart of a picturesque, rolling

graceful formation but in its range of pictures on every side.

The old farmhouse came into exist-

the prim box borders the blue splashes of golden color, shaded into iris. It was not the gergeous crea- lavender, line the driveway and are retion of to-day, but a simple single peated in every part of the spacious flower around which romance had grounds. Iris are everywhere, from the carilest varieties of the spring-time to the midsummer blooms.

ses god Thaumas, who personified the country not many miles from Worcesrainbow that overarched the sky, thus lending a suggestion for the name of the dainty blossom of to-day. Indeed, the iris of to-day is to be found in nearly "all the colors of the rainbow!"

Lending a suggestion for the name of tractively laid out, showing velvety lawns broken here and there by garden plots of individual charm. They vary in size and color scheme and show unusual combinations which have been This fair flower has not always been most successfully worked out. Nine known as the iris-sometimes it is years ago this was a most undesirable called the fleur de lis, taking its name estate, now it is distinctive. The transfrom the French fleur de Louis, the formation has been gradual, an evolu- stand- in the heart of the flower world from the French fleur de Louis, the device used by Louis VIII. of France. It has been well named, also, "the reached the height of its development, are artistically worked out, with a view it does its namesake, not only in its ful paintings, the estate shows flower to bringing into prominence the par-

room originally used as his office has love for the iris was imbedded in been converted into a charming morn-Milady's heart. It was, she thought

When purchased by its present owners it stood facing the road, and was This estate of Iristhorpe is nestled rapidly falling into decay. Chosen at first only as a temporary home, its charm so appealed and the impressions made were soon so deepened that the family were loath to leave the old homestead and the idea of building a new house was relinquished. The old house was moved down the hill to the spot on which it now stands and re-modelled to meet present day needs.

There is a fascinating, Old World atmosphere surrounding the house as it ticular flower from which the estate

Milady's heart. It was, she thought, medicine closet, a unique arrangement to people the beautiful flowers with a bronze figure by Bela Pratt, and confused with rose, and the Juniata, blind the horse chimners which were the people that the people the beautiful flowers with a bronze figure by Bela Pratt, and confused with rose, and the Juniata, blind the horse chimners which were the people the beautiful flowers with a bronze figure by Bela Pratt, and confused with rose, and the Juniata, blind the horse chimners which were the people the beautiful flowers with a bronze figure by Bela Pratt, and confused with rose, and the Juniata, blind the horse chimners which were the people that the people the beautiful flowers with a bronze figure by Bela Pratt, and confused with rose, and the Juniata, blind the horse chimners which were the people than the people the beautiful flowers with a bronze figure by Bela Pratt, and confused with rose, and the Juniata, blind the horse chimners which were the people than the people the beautiful flowers with a bronze figure by Bela Pratt, and confused with rose, and the Juniata, blind the horse chimners which were the people the beautiful flowers with a bronze figure by Bela Pratt, and confused with rose, and the Juniata, blind the horse chimners which were the people than the people the beautiful flowers with a bronze figure by Bela Pratt, and confused with rose, and the Juniata, blind the horse chimners which were the people than the people that the people the beautiful flowers with the people that the people the beautiful flowers with the people the beautiful flowers wi ing room. Back of this we find the old the home of the fairies, and she loved hind the huge chimney, which were age to their queen, dwelling in the used probably to hold his herbs.

There are five gardens in all, every one carrying out a special theme. Indeed, the entire garden is laid out after a definite architectural plan, though the effects are brought about in a delightfully informal way. The spring and midsummer garden is an intimate one, connected with the house and balanced on the opposite side by the rose garden with its background of iris in fascinating combinations of color The early spring garden is bright with tulips, which are a riot of color when

the snow first leaves the ground. These are replaced later by midsummer The garden proper, from which all the other plots have been evolved, lies sequestered from the winds at the foot of a little terrace. It is semi-cir-

ough stone wall, behind which are vety violet purple, showing flower manica is the earliest to bloom, but is pires. Azaleas and wisteria lend their central feature of the garden is the sun dial, which is appropriately

pond, where during the season the many colored cuplike blossoms flaunt their beauty, mirrored in the surface With the favorite varieties new of the water below. The fountain which seedlings have been introduced, such supplies the water for the little pend is sidered one of his best designs. It represents a fairy surmounted by an iris, prominently on account of its height and its unusually long, drooping folisereciation of the fairies with this faassociation of the fairies with this fa-vorite flower. Around this pool are flower are the pumilus, which is one of many varieties of iris, among them the Japanese, which are the latest to the early flowering kinds-the Siberica, Germanica, Orientalis and some bloom, and in this way a continuof the Japanese varieties. These are ous blaze of splendid color prevails throughout the season—relieving the cold gray of the stones and the blue of factorily with the general color

Throughout the gardens the tris is The most delicate of all these the controlling motif. There are iris flowers—the small blossoming kind—

rough stone wall, behind which are mass plantings of spires (bridal veil). Stems long and rigid. Then there is the Queen of the May, defying the other colors with its soft rose lilac, and color until late summer. Plantings of stone steps copied from an english garden. Looking down the which is almost a pink, growing grassy path from the stone steps the central feature of the garden is the summer of the stone steps the contral feature of the garden is the summer of the stone steps the contral feature of the garden is the summer of the stone steps the contral feature of the garden is the summer of the stone steps the contral feature of the garden is the summer of the stone steps the contral feature of the same time accenting, the present summer of the same time accenting the proposed summer of the same time accenting the proposed summer of the same time accenting the proposed summer of the same time accenting the contral feature of the same time there is repidly followed by the colors which make a succession of blossom the character of the earliest to bloom, but is repidly followed by the color varieties, character of the earliest to bloom, but is repidly followed by the color varieties, character of the character of the care of the colors with the feature of the colors with the feature of the colors with the feature of the colors with the color of the colors with the feature of the colors with the feature of the colors with the feature contrast with the wonderful rich yellow of the Abou-Hassan. The growing garden is the Japanese in its cool waters, pallida dalmatica also is there, rang-garden worked out by an artist as an The latest addition to this ever your of the birds, who love to bathe

inches in height and a very rare far away Japan. Even the tea house variety of the tall bearded irises. ing from soft to deep lavender, forty exact reproduction of one found in Oriental layout.

promptly carries one's thoughts to foreign shores. The background of Japanese iris is a most gorgeous setting, the variety being the one used in the garden of the Mikado, for every detail of this part of the grounds has been overseen by Japanese experts.

Hidden overseen by Japanese experts.

devices at the tops of the poles over are the Siberian. These have narrow the trees, gracefully distorted, which the rambiers twine and also in grassy foliage and en account of their stand in the huge jars are two centered is added charm in coming upon the centre of the arches which are profuse flowering are best for cutting turies and a half old. They also were trellises for more roses. Iris of every purposes. Many of this variety are everywhere. There are found in the shrubbery border, while tall strong growing flowers with wide others are planted around the founding the stand in the huge jars are two centres is add in the huge jars are two centres is and in the same stand in the huge jars are two centres is add in the huge jar foliage which have very large flowers tains, as they retain their beauty well and which fill the air with a sweet into the late fell.

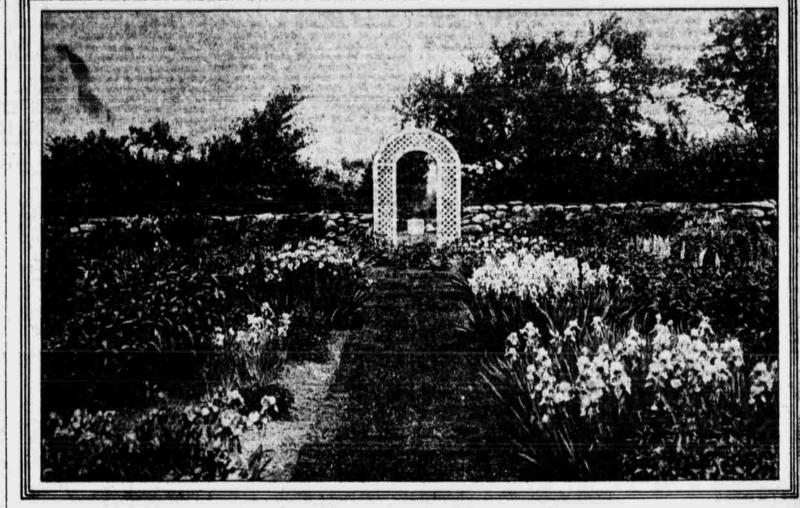
The entrance steps are surrounded orange blossom. There is the auswith Madam Chereau, elegantly frilled. The old farmhouse came into existmarvellous coloring.

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ence in 1858, and was the home of the cular in shape, with a beautiful perthorpe, the summer home of Dr. and country doctor. Edward Flint. The back to childhood days, when a deep gola at the end. This is backed by a sand also the kharput, shading to velhances the summer home of Dr. and Japanese umbrellar.

Landscape Plan for This.

The original landscape plan for the was brought from abroad, and is the estate was somewhat disarranged when-work of a Japanese builder. In its the idea of building a new house was construction it is mortised together, abandoned. The site which was to-few nails being used, while the in-have been used for the new building. side is absolutely true to type. It however, proved an especially beautistands overlooking the pool, giving a ful place for a little sunken garden! distinction and character to this and has been utilized for a format. riental layout.

As in the gardens of Japan, the centre. All through the summer brook flowing through the grounds has months and from early spring until thrown over it a rustic bridge so late fall this part of the garden is a picturesque in character that it mass of bloom.



A portion of the general garden. Iris are everywhere.

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sastern Division of the United States an enrolment of nearly 400,000 chil-School Garden Army, including Mas-dren in the United States School Gareschusettes. Maine, New Hampshire, den Army, each child having under-Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Dela- taken the study and practice of gar-

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The famous "Boston Common" is now the scene of demonstration gardening, as the school authorities of parochial schools are making a splen-Boston, cooperating with the United did showing. series of demonstration gardens on means as gardening has been officially this historic common, where children adopted as a part of the programmy from nearby schools are carrying on of the State Department of Education Division is not to be outdone, Cleveonstrations in all manner of garden the past.

the U. S. S. G. A., a service bar with diers in the garden army. ite State." The State Board of Education at a recent meeting directed that gardening instruction shall become a permanent part of school work. Seven per cent, of the entire population of New Hampshire is enrolled in cities as Albany, Elmira, Syracuse, the U. S. S. G. A.

of the smaller ones have sent in rec-

States School Garden Army directors, New Jersey affords an example of are establishing and maintaining a what school-supervised gardening of demonstration gardens on means as gardening has been officially the work of producing food for them-selves and their families. It is ex-pected that teachers from throughout in the school garden army, and are using material and gardening instruction gardens when in Boston this sum-mer. And, just by way of demonstrat-operative arrangement with the Feding that the Central Western States eral Bureau of Education. A number of paid supervisors of gardening land, Ohio, reports the establishment direct the garden work throughout of demonstration gardens at "the bus- the summer, and New Jersey is likely garden State in the future than in

lore are being conducted under the In the great garden State of Pennauspices of the U. S. S. G. A. sylvania, the United States School Practically every city and town in Garden Army organization has been New Hampshire has organized defi-adopted by Philadelphia and Pittsburg, the two cities vieing with eac other in the number of enlisted soi-

The children of the "Nutmer State" are showing an active interest in the struction has adopted the garden army U. S. S. G. A. Delaware and Maryland report large enlistments, and the garden work to be done in the "Gran- city of Baltimore has a paid supervisor who remains in charge of the work throughout the year.

New York State leads off with 40,000 children in Greater New York, and a proportional showing in such Plattsburg, Rochester, Troy, Utica and many other cities. The garden In Maine a similar cooperation be-tween School Garden Army and the army director for New York has been

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E. H. (CHINESE) WILSON ON THE PLANT QUARANTINE.

passes the writ of common mortals. Its so, though even its framers hesitate to claim that of a surety it will effect to become even more famous as a that it will severely handicap the development of gardens in America is equally obvious. Had such a law been in force ten, twenty, fifty years ago this country would have been without a great many plants of beauty and usefulness to her citizens, but whether plant pests would have been less numerous is, to say the least, problematical. The whole question of noxious plant pests and their control is admittedly most intricate and difficult. and is intimately bound up in the much larger question of man's modern methods of civilization. The solution will not be found in such simple, if

drastic, action as plant exclusion. No one desires to bring into the country a pest in any shape or form. All garden lovers will agree that regulations and proper inspection of plant importations is eminently desirable. but that a small group of men, no matter how capable, should be empowered to dictate what should and should not be grown in American gardens is preposterous. That the importation in imited quantities of plant novelties and necessities through the office of foreign seed and plant introductions of the Department of Agriculture is to

cation and in effect beneficial to Amer-

ture, may be repealed and its place

taken by a measure fair in principle, liberal in spirit, serviceable in appli-

CLIMBING ROSES.

The following are good climbing roses, flowering about in the order in

which they are listed: Ghislaine de Feligonde, bud orange Why such a ludierous measure wrong in principle and arbitrary in flowers creamy white; Purple East, spirit, should have received the signa-ture of the Secretary of Agriculture passes the writ of common mortals. Its purpose is to keep out further plant salmon; Gardenia, bud yellow, flowers disease and noxious plant posts, and cream, turning to white; Tausendthe tacit implication is that it will do schon, pink to white; Sander's White. white; Debutante, light pink; Evergreen Gem, cream; Hiawatha, scarlet; this. That it will not achieve this Uto-plan dream goes without saying, but All of these fifteen climbers do

in the latitude of New York, standing the winters well, and are quite certain to give satisfaction.

MOISTURE.

When dry, hot weather comes it is mportant that the garden have sufficient moisture; but this moisture must be obtained in the right manner or the effect will be worse than if none were given.

For instance, a great mistake is to sprinkle plants with a watering pot as If they obtained the moisture needed



of the Department of Agriculture is to be allowed will be small comfort to plant lovers generally, much less to those who have had experience of the treatment meted out to such allens.

As one whose unselfish interest is in helping forward the development of American gardens, which in effect is the converting of dwelling places in homes, I join with others of like ideals in the earnest hope that Quarantine No. 27, well intentioned, but none the less disastrous to American horticulture, may be repealed and its place.

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the season of 1919, determined to aid been equally gratifying to the Burger of the State Department son is the author of several important and what is given the ground tends to used.

In reaching the garden army goal of the Education, as most of the larger of Education, and has had active cothe production of \$100,000,000 in foodcities in Maihe, and a large proportion operation in the United States School his opinion of the plant quarantine, near the surface that, as soon as natoperation in the United States School his opinion of the plant quarantine, near the surface that, as soon as nat- tables are watered the foliage gets too Gerden Army campaign which has published in an Eastern trade journal, ural conditions return and the water- much and the roots too little. In

> vigor of the plant. Also watering a row of vegetables applied directly above the roots. tends to attract moles if there should be any in the vicinity, and one of them may pass directly under a watered row lifting many of the plants, thus exposing their roots to the air, and many of them will perish. On the other hand, close, fine and

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